



**Trinity Infrastructure Committee
Tuesday, September 05, 2006
7:00 P.M.**

The Infrastructure Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 05, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Trinity City Hall for the purpose of discussion, review and action for items listed on their Agenda.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Lloyd Brown; Committee Members, Bobby Campbell, Mickey Callahan, Tommy Johnson, Mike Robertson, and newly appointed member Gwyn Riddick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Grooms and Jay Morrow

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: Barry Lambeth.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Andrews; City Manager, Ann Bailie; City Clerk, Debbie Hinson; Administrative Assistant, Tammy Young; and City Planning/Zoning and Code Enforcement Administrator, Adam Stumb, and Andy Larrick, Davis-Martin-Powell and Associates.

ITEM 1. Welcome

Chairman Brown called the September 05, 2006 Infrastructure Committee Meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ITEM 2. Oath of Office, Gwyn Riddick, Ward 4.

Mayor Andrews administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Gwyn Riddick. After being sworn in by Mayor Andrews members welcomed Mr. Riddick to the Committee.

ITEM 3. Review and Approve Minutes of June 06, 2006 Utilities Committee Meeting

Chairman Brown called for any corrections, deletions, or additions to the June 06, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Committee Member Callahan made a motion to approve the June 06, 2006 minutes of the Infrastructure Committee as written. Committee Member Campbell seconded the motion. The motion and second were approved unanimously by all Committee Members present.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

ITEM 4. Sewer extension policies/ordinance amendments

Manager Bailie discussed her findings with members on this item as included in their packet advising them that some cities allow developers to recoup a percentage of their costs to extend public sewer lines as an incentive, while other cities simply allow developers and the city to recoup some of the costs incurred that are associated with the construction of sanitary sewer main extensions that meet criteria established. All have a basis of impact fee and that is what is used as a reimbursement to the developer. She asked members for their feelings and desire in pursuing such a policy as this for the City of Trinity.

Members, Manager Bailie, and Mr. Larrick discussed this item covering topics concerning how such a program could be initiated by Trinity, who would decide when to pay the developers, the amount of impact fee that would be needed to cover this fee, the burden that would be created on administration by imposing this fee, and the additional costs that may be involved for the City.

Mr. Larrick advised members that his firm currently had no clients that had a policy to reimburse developers. We feel that developers will come to Trinity and do not suggest that the City pursue this type of policy.

Member Callahan discussed his feelings and did not feel a policy such as this was a bad idea if it could be done at a reasonable price and could save the city money as well concerning the connectivity of infrastructure and increasing the capability of extending infrastructure at the costs of the developers and not solely at the cost of the City.

After further discussion concerning the feelings of members on this item, **Chairman Brown made a motion to let the policy stand as it is currently written, seconded by Member Johnson, and approved with a vote of 5 to 1 with Member Callahan voting Nay.**

After the vote, Manager Bailie discussed the second part of this issue concerning assistance for developers who must obtain sewer easement outside of their property in order to serve their development. In the event the developer is unable, despite their best efforts to acquire necessary easements and rights of way, should the developer be allowed by written notice to the City to request that the City acquire the same through its exercise of eminent domain or similar proceedings.

Manager Bailie and members discussed why the City would consider exercising eminent domain for sewer services. Manager Bailie advised members that the developer can tie onto the sewer that is adjacent to the City's existing system. However, if he must cross someone else's property should the City get involved.

Mr. Larrick discussed a creek that flows through Colonial Heights to the pump station at Pike Street. Part of this new development can hook into our existing system. However the best way to extend sewer to the upper part would be to provide gravity sewer. If the property owner does not want to grant an easement the city may want to step in to obtain the gravity sewer instead of installing a pump station that the city will have to assume the maintenance on.

There was further discussion concerning when the city should become involved and the need to make sure that proper verbiage was in place as well as a plan prior to proceeding with this. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the members that this item be addressed on a case by case basis and that the developer pays all costs associated with any policy such as this that may be developed.

Manager Bailie advised members that she would research and gather information from other municipalities to make sure that the policy would comply with the desires of the members. She also advised members that she would discuss this issue with Council for their feelings concerning the development of a policy such as this.

ITEM 5. Street lights update

Fairview Church Road

Manager Bailie discussed this project with members advising them that DOT had concerns about some trees on the road blocking the light. Duke Power Engineer will meet with DOT Engineer on September 06, 2006 to iron out these issues.

Ronniedale

We can expect to receive engineering plans for Ronniedale by September 15, 2006.

Finch Farm and Hopewell Church Road

Ms. Patterson will advise the city the status of this project after her meeting with DOT next week.

ITEM 6. PART Resolution

Manager Bailie discussed with members what the Randolph County Commissioners must grant to PART (Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation). Part must have the authority to place a 5% tax on rental vehicles in Randolph County. This is a tax that already exists on vehicles rented in High Point and is not a new tax to individuals.

After further discussion concerning how PART originated and how this could benefit all citizens especially the elderly, ***Member Riddick made a motion to recommend favorable passage of this Resolution to the City Council, seconded by Member Robertson and approved unanimously.***

ITEM 7. Transportation

Mr. Stumb and members discussed the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan 2004-2030 (attached).

Members discussed the need to pursue (H) scheduled for 2030; Surrett Dr., from Eden Terrace to Interstate 85, widening to multi-lanes. Members discussed the traffic congestion that already existed in this area and the need to have this item addressed sooner. Also discussed as an immediate need were improvements to Mendenhall Road.

Mr. Stumb advised members that the Plan has been recently updated. High Point MPO is our planning organization. They put together the long range plan for the area for road improvements. Mr. Stumb discussed the need to change item C (Finch Farm Road) if a school were built. He discussed the map included in the packet (attached) that indicated proposed projects and how this plan was incorporated into the state plan and budget. This map gives details for the projects. The exception to this is when funding is cut or reallocated to another area. Mr. Stumb also discussed the future 311 By-Pass as shown on the map. The next TIP draft will put together this winter and will be changed to reflect odd year projects. We will look at this and see if any of our projects have been moved up.

There was discussion between Manager Bailie, Mr. Stumb, and members on how the City could start an effort to get item (H) Surrett Drive, moved up on the project list. Some suggestions were to contact Mr. David Hyder to get advice on how to get our projects moved up as well as contacting the state representative for this area in an effort to voice our concerns for these projects and the need to have them done prior to the original target date.

Additional Business

ITEM 8. Business from committee members

Representative Lists (Lobby List)

Mr. Riddick asked Mr. Stumb to provide a listing of the representatives on the TIP to Infrastructure Members as well as Council members so that they could begin to make contact to voice their concerns about the current TIP project dates and the need to move some of these projects closer to the top of the list.

ITEM 9. Business from City Manager

Term Expiration Dates

Manager Bailie discussed appointments and expiration dates that would occur for some members in December, 2006. She advised members that she would be sending out a reappointment application to all members. The term period for appointment will be a 3 year term

ITEM 10. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the September 05, 2006 meeting of the Infrastructure Committee.

Motion by member Robertson to adjourn the September 05, 2006 Infrastructure Meeting at 8:22, seconded by member Johnson, and approved unanimously by all members present.

These minutes were approved as written by the Infrastructure Committee at their meeting on Monday, November 06, 2006 upon motion by Committee Member Riddick, seconded by Committee Member Johnson and were approved unanimously by all Committee Members present.